

This information is being provided to all Children's Administration staff. A separate mailing will be sent to foster parents, relative placements, in-home dependencies, Child Placing Agencies and Residential Care providers. This flyer provides information about a recent Health Advisory issued by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

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**FYI.....**

## ***Have you heard????***

In March 2004, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued a Public Health Advisory asking manufacturers of the following antidepressant drugs to include a Warning statement in their labeling. The Warning recommends close observation of adults and children treated with these medications for worsening depression or the emergence of suicidal ideation.

***Drugs included in the FDA Advisory are:*** Prozac, Zoloft, Paxil, Luvox, Celexa, Lexapro, Wellbutrin, Effexor, Serzone and Remeron.

The proposed Warning will alert doctors, patients and caregivers to the emergence of certain symptoms that are known to be associated with antidepressants in some patients. Symptoms of concern are anxiety, agitation, panic attacks, insomnia, irritability, hostility, impulsivity, severe restlessness, hypomania, and mania.

The FDA has issued a "Talk Paper" and a "Questions and Answers" paper regarding the Warning. Both documents are attached to this notice. To review this information on-line go to:

<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/ANSWERS/2004/ANS01283.html> and  
[http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/antidepressants/Q&A\\_antidepressants.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/antidepressants/Q&A_antidepressants.htm)



**Do NOT stop taking  
any of these medications  
without talking to your  
physician!!!**